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Dear Mr. Szysko-Behusz:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 12, regarding my bill, H.R. 1139, which is designed to permit naturalization for certain employees of Free Europe Committee, Inc., or Radio Liberty and I hasten to express my appreciation for the vote of thanks from the Annual Membership Meeting of the Newspaper Guild of New York, Free Europe Unit, Munich Group, which assembled in Munich on the 11th of February.

I want to assure you of my continuing interest in this legislation and I also want to assure you that I will do everything within my power, at the proper time, to see that this measure is enacted into law.

At present, as I know you are aware, President Johnson's immigration proposal which is H.R. 2580 in the House and S. 500 in the Senate has been designated as priority or must legislation in this session of the Congress. The Administration, and I might add, many of the Members of Congress, are reluctant to have any other immigration or naturalization matter brought before the appropriate Committees prior to consideration of the President's proposal.

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I am sure that you will agree with me that an attempt to seek enactment of H.R. 1139 at this time would not be advantageous. When the proper time presents itself, I will act and I trust that I may have the benefit of your thoughts, your analysis and your support.

May I say that I am keenly aware that time is of the essence in the problems faced by your members and I am proud to have had the opportunity to introduce appropriate legislation.

Sincerely yours,

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